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SOURCE:

1. The 59th Separate Lvov Signal (Communications) Regiment, Order of the Red Star and 25X1A Akeksander Nevskiy, [REDACTED] is located in the barracks of the former German searchlight training school, on the southern edge of Baden, Austria, near the Baden-Bad Veslau streetcar line. The regiment was formed during WW II in Novosibirsk, USSR. The main function of the 59th Separate Signal Regiment is to provide means of communication for the staff of the Central Group of Forces. The total number of men in the regiment is about 550.
2. The regiment is composed of two battalions: a radio battalion and a telegraph and telephone battalion. In addition, it has a regimental school, the graduates of which are made sergeants, and a motor transport company. Source is unable to provide any information on the radio battalion. The telegraph and telephone battalion is composed of two companies, both of which are telegraph and telephone companies. Each company has approximately 70 enlisted men and is composed of three platoons. The number of men in each platoon varied; one platoon had 20 men and another 30 men. The first and third platoons of the first company consist of senior telegraph operators, primarily sergeants, who use the telegraph apparatus and work as qualified telegraph operators. The second platoon of the first company consists primarily of recruits, primarily those of the class of 1929 and a few of the class of 1928. The personnel of the second platoon attended courses for telegraph-Bodists, telegraph operators using the "Boda" printing apparatus. However, the second platoon was not entirely a training platoon; in addition to their training, the soldiers have guard duty and administrative problems. The course of study lasted longer than six months; however, source does not know exactly how long. The students attended classes in the barracks of the regiment.
3. The telephone and telegraph battalion also have a so-called TsTS (Central Telephone Station), which is located at the signal center of the staff of the Central Group of Forces in Baden, between the Austrian Theater and a church. It is a grey, three-or four-story building. The entrance is guarded by a sentry. The main telegraph apparatus of the 59th Separate Signal Regiment is located at the signal center of the

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Central Group of Forces; communications between the Central Group of Forces and Moscow are carried on by this apparatus.

4. The 59th Separate Signal Regiment uses the telegraph apparatus system 2BDA-43. Source interpreted these letters as: "2 Bodo (Baudot) army duplex 1943". This apparatus, made in the USSR, has five keyboards and one recording instrument. The usual sized paper ribbon was 1.5 cm wide. Source stated that this apparatus was called dvukhgolovnyy (two-headed), that is, having two heads; one head is used as a transmitter and the other head as a receiver. Source could not describe the apparatus any further.
5. The second telegraph and telephone company has, in addition to the Bodo apparatus, the ST-35 (Sovetskiy Telegraf, model 1935) type of apparatus. This apparatus differs from the 2 BDA 43 system by having a keyboard such as is found on typewriters.
6. Both types of apparatus, the 2 BDA 43 and the ST-35, are at the signal center of the staff of the Central Group of Forces. The telegraph department of the signal center has two rooms on the second floor of the signal center building; the first room contains six to eight apparatuses of the 2 BDA 43 type and the second room six of the ST-35 type. Telegrams on this apparatus are sent in plain text and also in Morse Code. The room containing the 2 BDA 43 type of apparatus also had one of the 2 BDA 43 type which has a mechanical transmitter. The usual apparatus of the 2 BDA 43 type is operated by pressing down on the proper keys; the mechanical apparatus transmits automatically by means of a special paper ribbon having several rows of round holes of various diameters. This ribbon, in passing through the apparatus, catches certain levers with the holes, so that similar apparatus in Moscow makes exactly the same holes on a ribbon in the same succession as the apparatus at the signal center in Baden. Senior workers of the signal center told source that these ribbons represented telegrams in cipher.

7. This ribbon is made from a yellowish-rose colored paper. The width of the ribbon is about 30 to 35 mm. The holes are of three different diameters, from one to 2.5 mm, and are spaced at various distances from each other along the ribbon.
8. The soldier carries these ribbons from the commanding officer to the Office of Counterintelligence of the MGB on foot or by motorcycle. He is accompanied by another soldier armed with either a carbine or automatic.
9. The telegraph and telephone battalion also has a small, detached unit whose workers are called rabotniki krossa. This unit is in charge of electrical supplies for the telephone and telegraph battalion.
10. Source gave the following additional information and corrections of previous information on the officer personnel of the 59th Separate Signal Regiment /See Paragraph 4

- a. Commander of the 59th Separate Signal Regiment - Guards Lt. Col. Fedotkin. He is about 48 years old, of average height, stout, and has brown hair and brown eyes.
- b. Chief of Staff of the 59th Separate Signal Regiment - Lt. Col. Andreyev. He is about 50 years old, above average height, normal build, and has brown hair with streaks of grey.
- c. Deputy Commander for Political Affairs - Lt. Col. Litvinenko. He is about 50 years old, of average height, stout, and has grey hair.
- d. Deputy Commander for Material - Lt. Col. Medvedev. He is about 52 years old,

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tall, normal build, and has grey hair.

- e. Deputy Commander for Regimental Supply - Lt. Col. Lutsenko. He is about 50 years old, above average height, and has grey hair.
- f. Secretary of the Party Organization - Major Yerevin. He is about 43 years old, of average height, and has brown hair and blue eyes.
- g. Commander of the Telephone and Telegraph Battalion - Guards Major Stepanenko. He is about 45 years old, of average height, solidly built, and has brown hair and grey eyes.
- h. Commander of the Radio Battalion - Lt. Col. Martynov. He is about 40 years old, of average height, thin, and has dark hair.
- i. Commander of the First Telephone and Telegraph Company - Guards Captain Stepovoy. He is about 26 years old, of average height, normal build, and has brown hair and grey eyes.
- j. Commander of the Second Telephone and Telegraph Company - Guards Captain Tryapkin. He is about 33 years old, of average height, solidly built, and has brown hair and brown eyes.
- k. Senior Adjutant of the regiment - Guards Major Tankovich. He is about 35 years old, tall, and has brown hair and brown eyes.
- l. Deputy Commander of the Telephone and Telegraph Battalion - Guards Major Shumenko. He is about 40 years old, of average height, and has bowed legs, dark hair, and brown eyes.
- m. Representative of the Counterintelligence of the MGB - Captain Yuditsev. He is about 32 years old, below average height, normal build, and has light hair and light, clear eyes. He is at the regiment every day.
- n. Chief of the Central Telephone Station - Captain Fliman. He is about 35 years old, above average height, stout, fat, and flabby, and has brown hair, brown eyes, and a red face.
- o. Deputy Commander of the First Telephone and Telegraph Company for Political Affairs - Sr. Lt. Koryakov. He is about 27 years old, of average height, normal build, and has brown hair and brown eyes.
- p. Commander of a platoon of the First Telephone and Telegraph Company - Lt. Golovko. He is about 23 years old, of average height, and has brown hair and blue eyes.

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